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Mail Stop Divisional Application

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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IMAGE FORMING AND BINDING SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1.  Specification (total pages 82) including:
  - a. 24 pages of claims (35 claims)
  - b. 1 page Abstract
2.  25 sheets of informal  formal drawings (Figs. 1-18E)
3.  Oath or declaration of Applicants (3 total pages)
  - a. X Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.        Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)*
4.        Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5.  Incorporation By Reference  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.        Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7.        An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8.        37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
9.  Power of Attorney
  - a.        Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. X Copy from a prior application

10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

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11.  A Preliminary Amendment

12.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

13.  A small entity statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27

— Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired

14.  If a Continuing Application, check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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15.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a \_\_\_\_ continuation

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16.  Priority of application No(s). 2001-292801 filed in Japan on September 26, 2001. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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